

Blisworth Parish Council Website Accessibility Policy

Public Sector Bodies (Websites and Mobile Applications) (No.2) Accessibility Regulations 2018

The Regulations came into force on 23 September 2018 and implement the EU Directive on the accessibility of websites and mobile apps of public sector bodies.

The purpose is to improve the accessibility of public sector websites (including Parish Council sites) so that they can be used by as many people as possible – this builds on the existing obligations to disabled people under the Equality Act 2010 and the duty to make reasonable adjustments for disabled people.

Accessibility Statement for Blisworth Parish Council Website

This website is run by Blisworth Parish Council.

We want as many people as possible to be able to use this website.

The website layout and text has been made as simple as possible to understand.

You should be able to:

- Change colours, contrast levels and fonts
- Zoom in up to 300% without the text spilling off the screen
- Visitors should be able to navigate most of the website using just a keyboard, mouse or mouse pointer and keyboard

The government has produced an excellent guide for disabled computer users. This can be found at AbilityNet <https://mcmw.abilitynet.org.uk/> It has detailed advice on making your device easier to use. This covers such things as making your screen images and text larger, using a text reader to convert text to sound, using Voice Recognition to control your computer, increasing mouse pointer sizes etc.

How accessible this website is

Some parts of this website may not be fully accessible:

- some PDF documents may not be fully accessible to screen reader software
- some text and links may have poor colour contrast
- some video and audio streams may not have captions
- maps may be difficult to navigate using screen reader software

What to do if you cannot access part of this website:

If you need information on this website in a different format like PDF, large print etc. please contact:

By Email: blisworthparishcouncil@gmail.com

By post: Angela Billing Clerk to Blisworth Parish Council, Blisworth Parish Council, 48 Pond Bank, Blisworth, NN7 3EL

By phone: 07983233501 01604 857602

We will consider your request and get back to you in 10 working days.

Reporting accessibility problems with this website

We are always looking to improve the accessibility of our website. If you find any problems that are not already listed, or you think we are not meeting the accessibility requirements, contact the Parish Clerk:

Email: blisworthparishcouncil@gmail.com

Angela Billing Clerk to Blisworth Parish Council, 48 Pond Bank, Blisworth, NN7 3EL

Technical information about this website's accessibility

This council is committed to making its website accessible, in accordance with the Public Sector Bodies (Websites and Mobile Applications) (No. 2) Accessibility Regulations 2018.

This website is partially compliant with the [Web Content Accessibility Guidelines version 2.1](#) AA standard, due to the non-compliances and exemptions listed below. The WAVE evaluation tool was used to test the website.

Non-accessible content

The content that is not accessible is outlined below.

Non-compliance with the accessibility regulations

We may have some scanned PDF documents on our website e.g., the Annual Governance and Accountability Returns (AGARs). Scanned PDF documents do not comply with the Accessibility Regulations 2018 but these documents can be provided in an alternative format or on alternative media, on request.

Content that's not within the scope of the accessibility regulations

We do not plan to add captions to live video streams because live video is exempt from meeting the accessibility regulations.

The accessibility regulations do not require us to fix PDFs or other documents published before 23 September 2018 if they're not essential to providing our services.

The cost of reviewing the numerous documents for accessibility is a disproportionate burden on Parish Councils' resources. Any new PDFs or Word documents we publish will meet accessibility standards and where they cannot due to being signed, an accessible version without signatures will be made available on request.

Enforcement Procedure

The Equality and Human Rights Commission (EHRC) is responsible for enforcing the Public Sector Bodies (Websites and Mobile Applications) (No 2) Accessibility Regulations 2018 (the 'accessibility regulations' If you are not happy with how we respond to your complaint, contact the Equality Advisory and Support Service (EASS) (<https://www.equalityadvisoryservice.com/>).

This statement was prepared on 30/03/2023 by the Clerk to the Parish Council with the technical support of a Blisworth resident.

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